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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6195

BILL NUMBER: SB 139

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 1, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fire Protection District Per Diem.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill increases (from \$20 to \$100) the maximum amount that a member of a fire protection district board of fire trustees may receive for each day devoted to the work of the district.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The impact of this bill on fire protection district (FPD) trustee per diem payment is indeterminable and dependent on local action. As an example only, a five-member trustee board paid a \$100 per diem per member would require expenditures of \$500 per meeting. A meeting of five trustees at the maximum current allowed per diem of \$20 costs \$100. There are at least two FPD trustee boards that currently are not paid a per diem for their service.

Background: FPD trustee boards must have at least three members. Generally, there is one trustee for each political subdivision in an FPD. An additional trustee is added, when necessary, to insure an odd-numbered board. Boards typically are made up of three, five, or seven trustees. As of September 2010, there were 66 identified FPDs in Indiana. Based on a survey, 59 FPDs reported 265 trustees (an average of approximately five members per board).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Fire protection districts.

Information Sources: An LSA survey of county auditors, township trustees, FPD trustees, fire chiefs, and Internet resources.

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